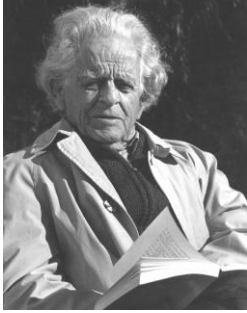


# NEIHARDT YOUNG POET'S CONTEST 2018

*Honoring John G. Neihardt, Poet Laureate of Nebraska in Perpetuity*



Sponsored by the John G. Neihardt Foundation, the contest is free and open to all Nebraska students. To qualify, entries may be submitted via e-mail or regular mail with all entries received by the **deadline of June 30, 2018**.

Winners in all categories will receive a cash prize and publication in the *Word Sender*, the Neihardt Foundation newsletter. Winners will also be invited to attend the **53rd annual Neihardt day celebration on August 5, 2018** to present their poem (attendance is optional).

## Categories:

High School (Grades 9-12)

Middle School/Junior High (Grades 6-8)

## Prizes:

First \$50; Second \$25; Third \$15

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**Criteria:** Entries are judged without the participant names and are scored on originality and sense of the craft of poetry shown in the work. The decision of the judges is final.

## Entry Guidelines/Rules:

1. Poems must utilize at least one of the many themes emphasized by Neihardt in his writing, including but not limited to: the American West, Native American cultures and people, explorers, trappers and pioneers; animals, landscape and natural environment.
2. Submissions are considered to be by teacher recommendation to insure eligibility and appropriate topic.
3. Entries must be original, unpublished, not submitted or accepted elsewhere for publication or broadcast, and not entered simultaneously in any other competition, including different versions of the same poem.
4. No more than one (1) entry per poet.
5. Winners will be notified by **July 10, 2018**. Only winners and teachers of first, second, and third place awards will be contacted. Winning students will be invited to read their winning entry at the **53<sup>rd</sup> Neihardt Day Celebration on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site, Bancroft, NE. (Attendance optional)**
6. All place winners' works will appear in the following issue of the *Word Sender*. Permission to publish forms will be sent to winners for completion by winner and their parent/guardian prior to any publication.
7. **Mail entries to:** John G. Neihardt Foundation, P.O. Box 344, Bancroft, NE 68004 **or** by e-mail to [neihardt@gpcom.net](mailto:neihardt@gpcom.net) by **June 30, 2018**.
8. Each entry *must* include the following information (see form below): Title of poem, student name, grade, address and contact phone number, school name and address, teacher name and contact phone number, and date submitted.

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Please fill out the information below and submit to: Neihardt Foundation, P.O. Box 344, Bancroft, NE 68004  
Or via e-mail: [neihardt@gpcom.net](mailto:neihardt@gpcom.net) with subject line: **Poetry Contest 2018**

POEM TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_